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## WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RESPONSIBILITY ACT AB 178 (OROPEZA)

The Women's Reproductive Health and Responsibility Act protects vulnerable women's health programs from devastating budget cuts. It would guarantee ongoing, annual funding for these programs. This action safeguards critical women's health programs from annual fiscal fluctuations. The areas of protection include:

### **Adolescent Reproductive Health and Pregnancy Prevention**

*Publicly funded family planning is cost effective and socially responsible. Every dollar spent on publicly subsidized family planning services saves \$4.40 on costs that would otherwise be spent on medical care, welfare benefits, and other social services to women who became pregnant.*

- **Teen SMART Program** reduces rates of pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections in teens.
- **Information and Education Grants** for teens with a high risk of unintended pregnancy.
- **Adolescent Family Life Program** provides services for pregnant and parenting teens.
- **Male Involvement Program** mobilizes young men to play an active role in preventing teen pregnancy.
- **Community Challenge Grants** promote community based strategies.
- **Teen Pregnancy Prevention Public Education Campaign** increases public awareness and provides communities with support for locally designed outreach.

### **Mother and Child Health**

*Twenty percent of all California women are uninsured and are less likely to access prenatal health care services because of their uninsured status. As a result, the children of these women face greater health and economic consequences. Programs to serve this population are essential to the future of California.*

- **Access for Infants and Mothers** is low cost health coverage for pregnant women and their newborns.
- **Black Infant Health Program** improves African American birth outcomes with healthy babies.
- **California Diabetes and Pregnancy Program** provides prenatal care and diabetes control.
- **Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program** provides prenatal care, health and nutrition education.

### **Disease Prevention, Detection, and Treatment**

*The number of deaths caused by cancer has declined significantly in recent years. However, the decreases are probably the result of earlier detection and improved treatment, which must continue.*

- **Gynecological Cancer Information Program** increases awareness/education on gynecological cancers.
- **Cancer Research Program** dedicates a large portion of its research to ovarian cancer.
- **Breast Cancer Early Detection Program** uses mammograms to screen women for breast cancer.
- **Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program** provides free screening, diagnosis, and case management for non-Medi-Cal eligible individuals.

### **Domestic Violence Prevention**

*Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to adult women. The National Violence Against Women Survey found that 30 percent of women and 8 percent of men were victims of domestic violence.*

- **Domestic Violence Prevention Programs** allocates grant funding to local shelters.
- **Battered Women's Shelter Program** provides safe housing and support services for free.
- **Rape Prevention Program** provides resources and training to prevent assault and rape.

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